

Statement of Deficiencies

5313-A: Authorization to Participate in Water Activities

Not Met

Findings/Corrections

Comment: The center did provide water activities for the children this summer. Children ages 5 and above went to the Leesville Developmental Center. Children ages 2-4 went to the director's home for swimming - wading pool with a depth of approximately 8 - 9 inches of water and an above ground "inflatable" pool with approximately 21 inches of water.

5313.A. The provider lacked written authorization from the parent for the child to participate in water activities in 1 of 12 children's files reviewed. Statement shall describe all types of activities provided and the authorization shall be updated at least annually and shall list the child's name, type of water activity, location of water activity, parent's signature and date.

* The center was unable to locate the written authorization from the parent for 1 child. This child went to the Leesville Developmental Center on 6/3/04 and 6/9/04.

5313-B: CPR, Pediatric First Aid, Community Water Safety

Not Met

Training

Findings/Corrections

5313.B. On July 1, 2004, the center took the younger children to the director's home to play in the wading pool (depth of 9") and a slightly larger pool (depth of 21"). The provider lacked documentation that at least two supervising staff or other supervising adults are certified in Infant/Child/Adult CPR and Pediatric First Aid. Of the 2 staff present, only 1 staff had current training in Pediatric First Aid and expired training in CPR (1/04). The 2nd staff didn't have current training in either course.

5317-A: Direct Supervision

Not Met

Findings/Corrections

5317.A. Children were not under direct supervision at all times as evidenced by:

* specialist observed a lone child entering the 2nd hallway away from the library where the other children in his class were preparing for nap. There were 2 teachers in that room. One of the teachers had sent the 4 year old child to retrieve his blanket and pillow unsupervised from the hallway where his backpack was hanging.

Children shall never be left alone in any room or outdoors without a staff present.

5325-L: Appropriate Sleeping Arrangements

Not Met

Findings/Corrections

5325.L. A cot, mat, or crib (baby bed) of appropriate size, height, and material, sufficient to ensure the child's health and safety was not provided to each child.

* The 5 cribs in "Baby 1" room contained mattresses that were not appropriate. The mattresses were not firm enough to support the infants' weight. Also, the mattresses were only about 1 inch thick. They did not fill out the bottom of the cribs that they were laying on.

5327-A: Locked Harmful Substances and Equipment

Not Met

Findings/Corrections

5327.A. Prescription and over-the counter medications, poisons, cleaning supplies, harmful chemicals, equipment, tools, and any substance with a warning label stating it is harmful to or that it should be kept out of the reach of children were not locked away from children as evidenced by:

* observed a container of motor oil stored on the school bus that was used to transport children this summer for their field trips;

* observed a container that was labelled "antifreeze" on the school bus. When this was pointed out to the director, she advised that the container contained water.

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5333-A: Parental Authorization for Field Trips

Not Met

Findings/Corrections

5333.A. In 1 of 12 children's files reviewed, the provider did not maintain a signed parental authorization for each field trip taken that includes the type of service (contract vehicle, center owned vehicle, parent vehicle) used to transport children, event, location, child's name, date and time of the event, parent's signature and date.

* On 6/3/04 and 6/9/04, the center transported several children to the Leesville Developmental Swimming pool. For 1 of the children taken to this pool, the center was unable to locate the parent's written permission to transport this child.